

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Blasdel, on January 10, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)  
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Scott Sales (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch  
Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 10, 1/4/2017; SB 27, 1/4/2017

**Meeting Procedures:**

00:00:53 Chairman Blasdel

**HEARING ON SB 27**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:15 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 27, Amend TIF laws related to public hearings and reporting.

[EXHIBIT\(tas07a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:25:37 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayer Association (MONTAX)

00:28:38 Brent Mead, executive director, Montana Policy Institute (MPI)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:29:42 Chris Naumann, executive director, Downtown Bozeman Partnership

00:41:23 John MacDonald, city of Missoula

00:46:28 David Fine, city of Bozeman

00:51:50 Kelly Lynch, deputy director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

**Informational Testimony:**

00:52:48 Edmund Caplis, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:53:08 Chairman Blasdel

[EXHIBIT\(tas07a02\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:53:25 Sen. Barrett

00:54:01 Sen. Thomas

00:54:21 Sen. Barrett

00:56:21 Sen. Thomas

00:58:32 Sen. Barrett

00:59:26 Sen. Thomas

01:00:06 Sen. Cohenour

01:00:43 Mr. Fine, city of Bozeman

01:02:54 Sen. Cohenour

01:03:03 Mr. Fine

01:04:54 Sen. Cohenour

01:05:08 Mr. Fine

01:05:31 Sen. Cohenour

01:06:42 Mr. Fine

01:07:10 Sen. Malek

01:07:45 Mr. Caplis, DOR

01:08:00 Michele Crepeau, DOR

01:09:36 Sen. Malek

01:10:33 Mr. Caplis  
01:10:50 Sen. Barrett  
01:12:38 Mr. Lynch

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:14:34 Sen. Thomas  
01:17:25 Chairman Blasdel  
01:18:11 Sen. Blasdel turned the responsibility of the chair to Vice Chair Webb.

**HEARING ON SB 10**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:18:15 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 10, Repeal the refundable income tax credit relief multiple.

[EXHIBIT\(tas07a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:19:55 Mr. Caplis

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:20:16 Sen. Blasdel  
01:20:41 Sen. Blasdel resumed the duties of the chair.  
01:20:49 Recess  
01:33:50 Reconvene  
01:34:00 Chairman Blasdel

**Presentation by Legislative Fiscal Division**

01:34:52 Stephanie Morrison, revenue analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(tas07a04\)](#)

**Introductions:**

01:47:16 Ryan Evans, assistant budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP), Governor's Office  
01:48:11 Ralph Franklin, lead revenue analyst, OBPP

01:48:28 Nancy Hall, lead budget analyst, OBPP  
01:48:53 Chris Watson, senior revenue analyst, OBPP  
01:49:08 Brian Hannan, senior revenue analyst, OBPP  
01:49:30 Chairman Blasdel

**Committee Business:**

01:50:16 Sen. Cohenour  
01:50:44 Chairman Blasdel

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:55 AM

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Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tas07aad.pdf](#))